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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY VISITS BUDAPEST

SUMMARY: AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR DR. BRUNO KREISKY ENDED A 48- HOUR
VISIT

TO BUDAPEST LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 30, HIS SECOND VISIT TO HUNGARY
AND

HIS

FIRST SINCE 1964 WHEN HE CAME AS FOREIGN MINISTER. VISIT TOOK PLACE
ON

INVITATION PRIME MINISTER JENO FOCK. VISIT OCCURED IN MOOD OF IMPROV-
ING

RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO FORMER MEMBERS OF AUSTRO- HUNGARIAN
MONARCHY AND

MARKED CONTINUATION OF HUNGARIAN BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH
NEIGHBORING

COUNTRIES. LITTLE CONCRETE EMERGED FROM TALKS. MOST INTERESTING
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PROVIDED BY KREISKY' S LECTURE ON ROLE OF SMALL NATIONS IN WORLD
POLIT-

TICS. END SUMMARY.

2. KRESIKY ARRIVED BY TRAIN WITH LARGE PARTY, INCLUDING GOVERNORS
OF THREE PROVINCES AS WELL AS CHAIRMEN OF PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS OF
THREE

PARTIES IN AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT. GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY FOCK AND

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MINISTER JANOS PETER. OFFICIAL TALKS BEGAN IN PARLIAMENT SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AND WERE CONTINUED ON 29 TH AND MORNING OF 30 TH AS WELL. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED MARCH 30 INDICATED NO SPECTACULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED. CONVERSATIONS RANGED OVER SUCH BILATERAL ISSUES AS BORDER

CROSSING POINTS, EASING OF VISA PROCEDURES, EXPANSION OF TRADE AND SIMILAR QUESTIONS. TALKS HELD IN " STRAIGHTFORWARD" AND " OPEN" MANNER AND CLOSE, GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS DEVELOPED IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL SPHERES AS WELL AS IN SCIENCE AND SOCIAL CONTACTS.

COMMUNIQUE LABELED DEVELOPMENT OF ALL- ROUND RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AS " FINE EXAMPLE" OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS. COMMUNIQUE ALSO NOTED ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE AND DECLARED BOTH SIDES DETERMINED TO DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO SEE THAT THIS AUSPICIOUS TREND BECOMES A LASTING

ONE. SATISFACTION ALSO EXPRESSED AT PERFORMANCE TO DATE AT HELSINKI AND SIGNING OF VIETNAM CEASE- FIRE AGREEMENT. URGED ENTRANCE INTO UN OF BOTH GDR AND FRG.

3. IN ADDITION TO BILATERAL TALKS AND HEAVY SOCIAL SCHEDULE KREISKY GAVE LECTURE AT ACADEMY OF SCIENCES TO GROUP OF HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON ROLE OF SMALL NATIONS IN WORLD POLITICS. AFTER TRACING DISSOLUTION OF MANY SMALL STATES BEFORE AND DURING WWII UNDER IMPACT OF NAZI POWER KREISKY SAID NEW SITUATION AROSE AFTER WWII

IN WHICH GREAT POWERS WERE SUPERCEDED BY SUPER POWERS. THIS RESULTED

IN SMALL POWERS GROUPING THEMSELVES AROUND SUPER POWERS IN DEFENSIVE

ALLIANCES. HOWEVER, AN EROSION HAS TAKEN PLACE AND SOME SMALLER POWERS NO LONGER COMPLETELY FULFILL THEIR PACT OBLIGATIONS AS THEY ONCE DID. NEUTRAL SMALL POWERS ARE DIFFERENT IN THAT THEY ARE SELF- RELIANT IN FULL SENSE OF TERM. KREISKY TRACED CHANGE IN THINKING RE NEUTRALITY SINCE DULLES STATEMENT THAT NEUTRALISM WAS OBSOLETE CONCEPT. INSTEAD, HE DECLARED, NEUTRALISM HAS GAINED STRENGTH AND TODAY EXISTS AN ACTIVE POLICY OF NEUTRALITY TO WHICH AUSTRIA ADHERES.

4. KREISKY STRESSED THAT NEUTRAL STATES WERE OBLIGED TO AVOID SHAKING

CONFIDENCE OF OTHERS IN THEIR POLICIES OF NEUTRALITY, FOR SMALL COUNTRIES ARE CONSIDERED MEETING PLACES. THEY HELP WHERE CONFLICTS OCCUR AND THEIR SERVICES ARE NEEDED IN MANY AND VARIOUS WAYS. DESPITE ITS WEAKNESSES, EXISTENCE OF UN IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO SECURITY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SMALL STATES. SMALL STATES ALSO STAND TO GAIN FROM SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME

OF CSCE, ALTHOUGH HE PERSONALLY HAS NO ILLUSIONS RE GOALS EASILY ACHIEVED. HOWEVER, SALT TALKS AHD DEMONSTRATED THAT US AND USSR HAVE FOUND PERMANENT BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. SMALL STATES SHOULD HAVE A VOICE IN DISARMAMENT.

5. KREISKY CALLED FOR EARLY COOPERATION BETWEEN EEC AND CEMA NOTING THAT IN 10 YEARS RHINE- MAIN- DANUBE WATERWAY WILL BE COMPLETED PROVIDING NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OF EUROPE. HE RECOGNIZED THAT WITH REFERENCE TO MBFR THERE IS NO EASY WAY TO ACHIEVE MEANINGFUL REDUCTIONS OF FORCES. PROPOSED THINNING OUT ON BOTH SIDES WITH CONTROL EXERCISED AS WAS DONE DURING TIME OF FOUR POWER CONTROL IN AUSTRIA. EACH COUNTRY SHOULD CONTROL ITS OWN SECTOR BUT THREE OTHERS WOULD BE PRESENT TO OBSERVE. KREISKY SAID HE HAD NO ISSUES THAT THE SITUATION WOULD BE PUT ON CSCE AGENDA BUT FELT COMPELLED TO SUGGEST THAT SMALL NATIONS SHOULD OFFER THEIR SERVICES TO DEFUSE THAT EXPLOSIVE SITUATION.

6. TOWARDS END OF VISIT KREISKY AND DEPUTY FONMIN JANOS NAGY SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON USE OF HUNGARIAN SECTION (FERTOERAKOS) OF DIRT ROAD BETWEEN MOERBISCH AND SIEGENDORF BY AUSTRIAN CITIZENS. PUHAN

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